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of the

44th ANNUAL REUNION

GEORGIA DIVISION

UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Held in Tifton, Georgia
October 13, 14, 15, 1937

A. J. WOMACK, *Commanding General*
AUGUSTIN DALY, *Adjutant General*

Printed for Benefit of Confederate Veterans

MINUTES OF THE 44TH ANNUAL REUNION OF THE GEORGIA
DIVISION UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TIFTON,
GEORGIA, OCTOBER 13-15, 1937.

JUNE 1, 1937.

GENERAL ORDER No. 2.

For good reasons shown the 44th Reunion of the Georgia Division United Confederate Veterans at Tifton, Georgia, will be held on October 13, 14 and 15, 1937, instead of October 6, 7 and 8th.

All Confederate Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Children of the Confederacy, The Ladies' Memorial Associations, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, and the Auxiliaries of each, are cordially invited to attend this Reunion.

Our beloved Chaplain of the Georgia Division United Confederate Veterans, Lt. Col. Rev. W. W. Memminger, having died since his appointment, I hereby appoint as Division Chaplain in the place of Rev. W. W. Memminger the Rev. L. F. Hanks, (S. C. V).

By order of Major General A. J. Womack:

AUGUSTIN DALY,
Adjutant General
Georgia Division U. C. V.

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The Forty-Fourth Annual Reunion of the Georgia Division United Confederate Veterans assembled in the club rooms of the Woman's Club in Tifton, Georgia, at six p. m., Wednesday, October 13, 1937. There the Confederate Veterans and visitors were tendered a reception at which delicious refreshments were served. All the business sessions of the reunion were held in the spacious assembly hall of the Woman's Club. The club rooms were fitly decorated with Confederate flags, while a profusion of flowers, rich and rare, lent fragrance as well as beauty to the scene. It was a colorful picture, roses nodding like beckoning hands from the other shore, answering man's longing for immortality. The gray clad visitors could see in each bursting bud the promise of the green fields of Eden, and read in each open bloom the message of the ages: "I am the resurrection and the life."

At 7:30 p.m. the Veterans and their friends were called to order for the first session of the reunion by Adjutant General Augustin Daly, with twenty Confederate Veterans present. With a look of joy and a thrill of pride heroic hearts



GENERAL A. G. HARRIS
Commander Georgia Division, U. C. V.

made weak by time and fate, but strong in will, the Confederate Veterans took a delightful social voyage with "youth on the prow and pleasure at the helm."

Adjutant Daly invited Generals J. L. Driver and J. M. Nash to the platform, both being Past Commanders of the Georgia Division.

Adjutant Daly announced that General A. J. Womack had suffered a serious accident and continued quite ill at his home in Macon, which explained his absence from the reunion. General Womack sent the following letter of greetings and regrets:

"Macon, Georgia
October 12, 1937.

To the Forty Fourth Reunion, Georgia Division United Confederate Veterans,
Tifton, Georgia, October, 1937.

My Dear Comrades:

I was grateful beyond expression last year when I was chosen Commander of the Georgia Division United Confederate Veterans and hoped to have a year of usefulness during my term of office, but was, through ill health, unable to do the things I had planned for the general welfare of the Division. I did my best, however, under the circumstances.

Three months ago I had an accident, sustaining serious personal injury from which I now suffer, and have since that time been confined to my home. I had looked forward with a great deal of pleasure to being with my comrades at Tifton; that it is a great happiness to be with them I need scarcely say, and I have a distinct disappointment in the Doctor having advised that I cannot attend the Reunion. Indeed, I am considerably saddened in being denied being with my comrades and seeing my friends at the Reunion.

Wishing all of you a most pleasant occasion, believe me with assurances of great respect and the highest esteem,

Faithfully yours,

A. J. WOMACK,
Commander Georgia Division
United Confederate Veterans.

Dr. T. S. Clay, S. C. V., spoke briefly on General Womack's letter. He brought a tribute of respect and affection to the stricken chieftain in words so tender and sincere that they came like the benediction that follows after prayer. On Dr. Clay's suggestion the audience gave a rising vote of sympathy and a prayer for General Womack's recovery.

The invocation was pronounced by Chaplain L. F. Hanks. The moment was filled with pathos as the chaplain spoke rest to the dead and peace to the



AUGUSTIN DALY
Adjutant General and Chief of Staff, Georgia Division, U. C. V.

living. As the good man prayed for the recovery of General Womack the silence sank like music on every heart, broken by a murmur of amens from the gray pilgrims.

The reading of the Convention Call was omitted by unanimous consent.

Mrs. B. F. Southwell and Mrs. Robert Brown, accompanied by Mrs. W. A. Lassiter, presented a series of vocal duets; (a) Maggie; (b) Juanita; (c) Santa Lucia. Their dramatic voices rose and fell as a tensing audience heard "such strains as would have won the ear of Pluto."

The Veterans sat like rapt souls, held in holy passion, as Mrs. E. U. Holder, President of the Charlotte Carson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, welcomed the silver-crested crusaders of the Confederacy. This lovely woman, like a fresh-blown rose washed in dew, was another Helen and fired another Troy.

"We love you. We are your Daughters. We shall not forget those whose genius and blood bought our liberty and paid the price of our freedom. We hold fast to those ideals of the past and down through the ages we will keep before our youth the glories of our blood and State. You are our rainbow that tints tomorrow with prophetic ray. Your glory is the silver link that binds your hearts to ours. May your visit to Tifton drive the cares away, and bring spring-time to the heart with its harvest of a quiet age filled with memories of cheerful yesterdays and hopes of confident tomorrows."

Mr. S. A. Youmans brought greetings from the city of Tifton. Under the spell of his tribute to the beautiful women of Tifton, there were symptoms of "petticoat fever" among the Veterans, and Major B. P. Leach, Tift county's sole surviving Veteran, stole the show. "For he on honey-dew hath fed and drunk the milk of Paradise." With nature's mother wit he warned the young men that only the Veterans could share those "lips that looked like rosebuds filled with snow."

Miss Leatrice Foreman, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. Lassiter, presented a musical program which brought to the Veterans memories of stars and flowers and dewey eyes and smiles, and shadows that melted and fell apart in founts of feeling. The rippling notes of Jingle Bells; the pensive beauty of Juanita; the Polly-Woddle in a lighter vein. Eternal sunshine glowed on faces wet with tears, and the Veterans trembled with emotion as old dreams came thronging back again with Auld Lang Syne.

For the American Legion, Dr. W. L. Webb painted with a master's hand the picture of the return of the starved and ragged Confederate soldier to his ruined and broken country. In words of beauty and pathos he told the story of the redeemed and rebuilt southland, the garden spot of the nation. "The united south of freedom and democracy is the work of your hands," said Dr. Webb.

Like echoing melodies, Mrs. J. J. Cliatt thrilled once more the lengthening chain of memory as she brought happy greetings and everlasting gratitude from the Tifton Music Club.

Mr. L. E. Bowen, representing Tifton's civic clubs, was left speechless, as every kind of welcome had already been extended. He wittily remarked; "If you are so hard headed and obstinate that you don't know by this time that you are welcome, it is no wonder that it took ten times your number in yankees and four long years to win the war."

Dr. T. S. Clay presented Judge Augustin Daly, Adjutant General, Georgia Division United Confederate Veterans, who responded in behalf of the Veterans. Judge Daly's speech was a gem of Irish wit and patriotic eloquence. Himself an Irishman, speaking the brogue of the Auld Sod, he provoked peals of laughter as he described the struggle "as better than no war at all." His story of the Irish soldier's description of the Battle of Bull Run was the high light of reunion humor. "Pat, did you run?" "Did I run? Shure I run. Them that didn't run are there yet."

In a more serious vein the gifted orator drew a graphic picture of the south's struggle for independence—the shock of battle—the starved and ragged army scattered by the whirlwind of war—the sword of Lee, even greater in peace than it had been in war. True to his Irish blood, he knelt in reverence before the pulchritude of the ladies. His tribute to their beauty and charm could come only from one who had kissed the Blarney Stone. Whist; hush—don't tell—it's a state secret—the genial Irish Adjutant is worse than a humbug; he's a bachelor.

Colonel R. L. Avary stated that the program had been perfect, the most beautiful that had ever been presented to the Veterans. "The color and spirit of the program," said Colonel Avary, "show that Tifton understands the true ideals of the Confederate soldier."

The concluding feature of the evening's entertainment was a musical pageant, "The Old South," presented by the Tifton Music Club. The scene—music room in an old southern home—a dear old lady was the hostess—musical visitors—a black mammy and her children—Shad, the colored yard boy—two little white children, Jackie and Opal.

Like in some strange mysterious dream, the old soldiers dwelt in marble halls as a rich voice filled the club house with melody. There came thrilling recollections, old hopes, and old dreams which long in dust had lain, as the singer carried them back to old Virginia, and fond memory brought the light of other days. The pathos of the song was too much for old mammy, and her emotions found expression in the plaintive notes of "Nobody Knows—but Jesus." Attracted by the music the children, white and black, came trooping in and mammy led her chorus in those grand old spirituals, "Swing Low Sweet Chariot, Coming for to Carry Me Home", and "Steal Away to Jesus."

Shad, the yard boy, told Jackie and Opal a thrilling story about a one-legged goose. Other numbers by the chorus were Auld Lang Syne; Love's Old Sweet Song; Sally in Our Alley. As a finale, the gifted singers touched the tenderest chord that vibrates in the human heart with "Home Sweet Home". Little Jackie, who had been kept up far beyond his usual bed time, climbed sleepily into his father's lap and said, "I'm pretty well fed up." But the old soldiers, their youth renewed under the inspiration of the hour, had just begun to frolic.

The following committees were appointed:

RESOLUTIONS:

GENERAL J. L. DRIVER
L. J. HOOD
M. L. HARMSSEN
R. L. AVARY

NECROLOGY:

GENERAL C. C. McRAE
A. S. PERRY
MRS. C. T. TILLMAN

AUDIT AND FINANCE:

McWHORTER MILNER
C. T. TILLMAN
O. B. BURROUGHS, JR.

Benediction by the chaplain. Adjournment.

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Thursday morning, 10:00 o'clock, October 14, 1937.

Dr. T. S. Clay presiding.

Promptly at ten o'clock the reunion was called to order by Augustin Daly, Adjutant General, who requested Doctor T. S. Clay to preside during the day. The invocation was pronounced by Dr. F. O. Mixon, Pastor of the First Baptist Church. Vocal selections, (a) "Camp Meetin' Song," (b) "Fairy Belles" were rendered by a chorus of lovely women, Mesdames Mitchell, Southwell, Gaines, Thrasher, Golden, Banks and Brown. The music thrilled a vast and expectant audience and was a fitting prelude of a grand day.

Next came the introduction of the Sponsorial Staffs, that presentation of grace and beauty which is always the high light of every reunion.

GENERAL A. J. WOMACK'S STAFF.

In the absence of General Womack, Adjutant Daly presented the following ladies:

Matron of Honor.....MRS. W. T. MORRISON, Macon
Chaperon.....MRS. J. H. C. WILLIAMS, Macon
Sponsor.....MRS. OSCAR MCKENZIE, Montezuma
Maid of Honor.....MISS LILLIAN HENDERSON, Atlanta
Honorary Matron.....MRS. J. R. SMITH, Atlanta
Honorary Sponsor.....MRS. KIRBY SMITH ANDERSON, Madison

LOCAL HONORARY STAFF

MRS. E. U. HOLDER MRS. J. N. MITCHELL
MRS. C. B. HOLMES MRS. JOSEPH KENT, SR.
MRS. O. J. WOODWARD MRS. L. W. GAULDING
MRS. A. L. BOWDEN

HONORARY STAFF LIFE MEMBERS

Matron for Life.....MRS. A. O. WOODWARD, Atlanta
Matron for Life.....MRS. CHARLES T. TILLMAN, Quitman
Chaperon for Life.....MRS. ERNEST B. WILLIAMS, Atlanta
Sponsor for Life.....MRS. ANNA BRYANT LANE, Macon

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General J. R. Jones of the North Georgia Brigade presented his staff as follows: Mrs. L. Thos. Gillen, Mrs. C. W. Hager, Mrs. J. G. McCurry, Mrs. C. M. Sharpe, Miss Theo Bowie, Miss Hudnut.

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General C. C. McRae of the South Georgia Brigade presented his staff as follows: Mrs. Charles T. Tillman, Miss Mamie Lee Varnadoe, Miss McRae.

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Adjutant Daly announced that General A. G. Harris was unable to be present on account of illness. It was unanimously voted to send telegrams of sympathy to the following who were unable to attend on account of ill health: Generals Womack, Harris, Hardy, and Winter; Mrs. A. O. Woodward, Mrs. Warren White, Mrs. Frank Golden.

The following telegram was received from Governor Rivers:

"General A. J. Womack, Confederate Reunion, Tifton, Georgia.

Officially and personally I send greetings to each of you today. Your valued deeds shall always be a cherished heritage. May the coming year be rich in blessings for you all.

E. D. RIVERS, Governor."

Hon. C. T. Tillman received a telegram which was read to the audience amid shouts of congratulations. It announced the birth of a new grandson.

The following message from Mrs. Warren White was received:

"Best wishes for a successful convention. Only extreme illness prevents my being present.

MRS. WARREN WHITE, Matron of Honor
(By Nurse)."

Dr. T. S. Clay presented Alexander Stephens Perry, who addressed the convention.

A musical program was presented by the same group of charming women who had stirred the Veterans earlier in the morning. (a) "Poor Wayfaring Stranger," (b) "Spinning Song." "Music when soft voices die vibrates in the memory," and the grizzled Veterans wept as the golden voice of song led the "Poor Wayfaring Stranger" into the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

Mrs. Johnson presented Major Robinson of the State Park Commission, who spoke briefly, outlining the plans for the development of the Jefferson Davis State Park near Irwinville.

Dr. T. S. Clay made a thrilling speech on Confederate pensions. With rapier thrusts and burning invective he stirred his hearers profoundly. There were pathos and eloquence in his words as he declared that the Confederate pension is an honorarium and not a charity. He seared and blistered those who would make a mockery of Confederate valor by placing the Veterans on the Federal relief rolls.

After a benediction by the chaplain the session adjourned to re-assemble at a huge warehouse where the Veterans and guests were served a bountiful barbecue dinner by the Tift County Commissioners.

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Thursday afternoon, 2:00 p.m., October 14, 1937.

Dr. T. S. Clay presiding.

Promptly at 2 p.m. the assembly was called to order by Dr. T. S. Clay and the invocation was given by Rev. M. P. Webb, Pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Dr. W.R. Dancy and Miss Phoebe Elliot were presented as distinguished visitors. Mrs. C. T. Tillman, 1st Vice-President, Georgia Division United Daughters of the Confederacy, was invited to the platform. This lovely daughter of the southland brought a greeting to the Veterans in words tender and appealing. Her face glowed with love and reverence for the old soldiers, as from the abundance of her heart she brought a message that will long be remembered.

Mrs. Grace B. Meredith of Amarillo, Texas, was presented. She was greeted with shouts when it was discovered that she had been the official hostess for the Amarillo reunion and had a part in the royal entertainment that the Georgia Veterans had received on that occasion. Other distinguished guests who were presented were Mrs. T. K. Hall, wife of the Commander of the Florida Division United Confederate Veterans, and Mrs. W. R. Dancy.

Hon. L. Thos. (Pat) Gillen, representing Governor Rivers and the Confederate Division of the State Department of Public Welfare, was presented.

Mr. Gillen's evident sincerity and the frankness with which he discussed the problems of the Veterans' pensions showed his friendliness.

Cheers of approval greeted his tribute to the ability and fidelity of Miss Lillian Henderson in the Confederate Records Department.

He stated that whatever grievance the Veterans may have had in the past as to the payment of pensions there was no further grounds for complaint, as the offending order had been revoked, and that in the future all Veterans would be paid their pensions by the Ordinaries and exclusively from State funds in exactly the same manner as heretofore, without any hint of Federal relief. A burst of applause followed this statement, showing the interest and the approval of his hearers.

He showed the difficulties that his department encountered, due to the fact that so many of the Georgia Confederate records are in Washington, having been seized by Sherman when he captured Milledgeville. He urged the Veterans to ask the Georgia delegation in Congress to use their influence to have these records returned to Georgia. In regard to the payment of future pensions he favored an increase to fifty dollars per month and pledged his assistance if such a bill were introduced in the legislature. He pledged his support to any resolution that the Veterans might adopt.

Mr. Gillen's speech made a profound impression on the Veterans and their friends present. His words were earnestly spoken and happily received. He convinced them that their interests would be protected at all hazards and that the present State administration holds them in reverence and admiration.

At 3. p. m. the Veterans and their visitors formed a motorcade of nearly one hundred cars, gaily decorated with Confederate flags, and made the first public pilgrimage to Jefferson Davis State Park near Irwinville, where they were met by delegations from Fitzgerald, Ocilla, Abbeville and Ashburn. A heroic bronze bust of Jefferson Davis, surmounting a broad base of Georgia marble, marks the spot where Jefferson Davis entered upon his martyrdom, a fitting shrine for Dixie's buried hopes. The Ocilla brass band furnished appropriate music for the occasion.

Giant trees tower above and beyond the monument and the sunshine spilled through like bright drops of summer rain. As these majestic trees nodded sagely

and whispered their age old secrets, heralds of all the ancient history of the south, they seemed to say that Jefferson Davis breasted a storm of calumny from every quarter and stood forth as unsullied as a god. No public man was ever subjected to sterner ordeals of character and a closer scrutiny of conduct. Whatever record leaped to light his home could not be shamed and accusing tongues were silenced.

"Let his great example stand
Colossal, seen in every land."

Mrs. Johnson, whose genius is creating Jefferson Davis State Park, presented Mrs. J. C. Duke, Ocilla, Mrs. Alex Story, Ashburn, Miss Irene McLeod, Abbeville, each of whom brought greetings to the Veterans.

The most impressive feature of the program was when Mrs. E. U. Holder, President of the Charlotte Carson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy of Tifton, placed a wreath upon the base of the monument. One stood muted by the sheer beauty of the scene. It woke a hundred wells of feelings in the soul. Voices spoke in emerald silences that drowned men's babbling trivialities and brought a calm so deep and holy that it stifled every thought that springs from out the bitterness of things. It freed the mind from all the fuming vanities of earth and cleansed the soul of all meditative spleen.

After further music by the band, including Dixie of course, the motorcade, now grown to huge proportions, moved on to Fitzgerald where the visitors were tendered a band concert and a reception at the Lee-Grant Hotel.

As the Veterans rode back to Tifton in the twilight an ancient spell seemed to drift on the breezes that sifted through the trees. Great thoughts, great feelings must have come over them like instinct. What a pity that their emotions could not be preserved for posterity.

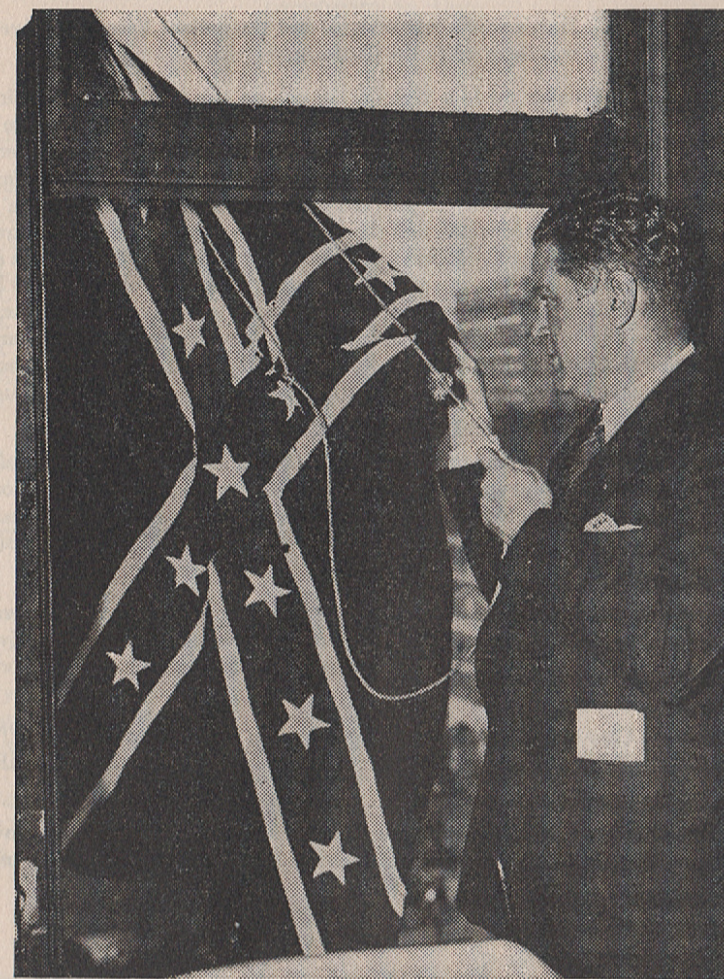
8:30 p. m. Grand Ball.

At 8:30 in the evening the Veterans were the guests of Tift County Post No. 21, American Legion and their Auxiliary at a grand ball in the Legion's new club house. "On with the dance, let joy be unconfined." The Veterans' definition of a cavalier is one who knows a pretty woman when he sees her. With knightly courtesy and courtly manners these gay cavaliers danced with the abandon of youth, and heaven help the young man who tried to "break in." A good time was had by all but the cup of happiness overflowed for the gallant Veterans who frolicked until nearly dawn and showed up next morning as fresh as daisies. What men they must have been at Gettysburg!

Friday morning, 10:00 o'clock, October 15, 1937.

Judge Augustin Daly presiding.

Promptly at ten o'clock the assembly was called to order and the invocation was pronounced by Rev. Freeman Parker, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church.



L. Thos. "Pat" Gillen, director of the Confederate Division of the State of Georgia, shown unfurling the Flag of the Confederacy, which he donated, for the first time. Pat, who originated the idea, is seen hoisting the historic Stars and Bars from a window in his department in the Georgia state capitol—the first time since the close of the War Between the States.

A vocal duet, "Love in a Garden," by Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Thrasher pleased the Veterans immensely, as they settled down for the final session of the reunion.

General A. G. Harris was a late arrival, and the gallant Veteran received a great ovation as he was escorted to the platform.

Hon. C. T. Tillman made a vigorous speech on the Confederate pensions, quoting from a letter written by State Auditor Tom Wisdom. Mr. Tillman insisted that the State of Georgia can and must provide the funds for Confederate pensions, and showed by Mr. Wisdom's figures that the State has ample funds from the cigarette tax, not only to pay the present pensions but to increase the pensions to fifty dollars per month and then have a large surplus left. He showed that Florida is now paying Confederate Veterans a pension of \$50 per month and made a strong plea for similar action in Georgia. At the conclusion of Mr. Tillman's remarks a motion was unanimously adopted to request Governor Rivers to give his indorsement to a bill increasing the pensions of Confederate Veterans and their widows as of marriage prior to 1881, to fifty dollars per month, the same to be paid exclusively from State funds, and that this matter be included in the call for the extra session of the legislature.

Mrs. Harry Craig of Augusta Chapter A, United Daughters of the Confederacy, stated that she had sponsored a movement to pay fifty dollars per month pension to Veterans only and that it had been indorsed by Chapter A, in Augusta, and had been placed in the hands of Hon. Roy Harris, Speaker of the House, but that nothing further had ever been heard of the measure.

It was unanimously agreed to bring this matter of increasing the Veterans pensions to fifty dollars per month to the personal attention of Governor Rivers and urge him to include the same in his call for the special session of the legislature.

Dr. T. S. Clay read a resolution prepared by him in regard to pensions. This resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions and is included in their report.

Adjutant General Daly read his finance report which had been approved by the audit committee. On motion of General Driver the report was adopted.

TO THE FORTY-FOURTH REUNION, GEORGIA DIVISION, UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TIFTON, GEORGIA, OCTOBER 13, 1937:

Report of Adjutant General, Georgia Division, U. C. V.

RECEIPTS

Amount received from Miss Lillian Henderson, Adjutant General	
Georgia Division, February 3, 1937.....	\$31.55
July 23, 1937, Confederate Veteran Association Camp No. 756, U. C. V.	1.00
Sept. 24, 1937, Camp Walker No. 925, Atlanta.....	1.00
Sept. 24, 1937, Confederate Association Camp, No. 435.....	1.00
Oct. 7, 1937, Camp Evan P. Howell, No. 1825, Atlanta.....	2.00
Oct. 9, 1937, Camp Sloan-Peebles, No. 1796, McDonough.....	1.00
Oct. 12, 1937, Camp Robert A. Smith, No. 484, Macon.....	1.20
Oct. 13, 1937, Camp Atlanta No. 159.....	2.00
Oct. 13, 1937, Camp Tige Anderson No. 1455, Atlanta.....	1.60
Oct. 13, 1937, Camp J. G. McCall No. 1783.....	1.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

March, 1937	Letterheads and stationery for Division Headquarters, including printed copies of Staff.....	\$13.00
	Postage.....	1.50
	Stenographer.....	2.00
May, 1937	Postage.....	.75
June 26, 1937	Long Distance to Tifton (Mr. Lewis).....	1.00
July 30, 1937	Postage.....	.10
Sept. 21, 1937	Postage.....	1.00
Sept. 30, 1937	Long Distance to Tifton by Adjutant to Mrs. E. U. Holder of Reunion Committee.....	2.80
Oct. 8, 1937	Postage.....	1.00
Oct. 12, 1937	Stenographic work.....	2.00
Oct. 15, 1937	Telegrams sent per instructions of Reunion.....	1.00
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		\$26.15
	TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	43.35
	DISBURSEMENTS.....	26.15

APPROVED—

C. T. TILLMAN	
O. B. BURROUGHS, JR.	BALANCE ON HAND,
McWHORTER MILNER	Oct. 15, 1937.....
Committee on Audit.	\$17.20

It appears in the financial report of the Adjutant General of the Georgia Division, October 9, 1936, a balance on hand of \$63.55. Subsequent to the filing

of the report of the Adjutant General the expense incurred in printing the minutes of the 1936 Reunion \$32.00 was paid by Miss Henderson, the Adjutant General, and the balance, \$31.55, Miss Henderson turned over to Augustin Daly, her successor.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUSTIN DALY

This 13th day of October, 1937. Adjutant General, Georgia Division,
U. C. V.

Financial statement prepared from letter of Hon. Tom Wisdom, State Auditor, dated Atlanta, Georgia, October 4, 1937.

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Gross cigar and cigarette taxes paid	
from July 1, 1937 to October 4, 1937.....	\$ 611,376.31
Average monthly receipts.....	\$ 204,000.00
Less collection expense.....	12,000.00
Net per one month for pensions.....	\$ 192,000.00
Veterans on roll, 10/4/37—236 at \$30.....	\$ 7,080.00
Widows on rolls, 10/4/37—1395 at \$30.....	41,850.00
Widows to be added (estimated 1,500) at \$30.....	45,000.00
Total to be paid out for pensions.....	\$ 93,930.00

With revenues per month of \$192,000.00 and disbursements for pensions as per above of \$93,930.00 there remains a balance of \$98,070.00 to be turned into the State's general fund. In other words, the state is now receiving from the cigar and cigarette tax twice as much money as is needed to pay all veterans and widows, including the fifteen hundred new widows recently added to the pension rolls.

Should \$20.00 per month additional be paid to 236 Confederate veterans, the amount needed is.....\$ 4,720.00

\$20.00 per month to widows as of marriage prior to 1881, 1395 widows now on rolls..... 27,900.00

In other words, after paying all Confederate Veterans fifty dollars per month and paying all widows as of marriage prior to 1881 fifty dollars per month, and paying the new widows recently added to the rolls at the rate of thirty dollars per month, there would still be left in the General Fund of the state each month the sum of.....\$ 65,450.00

This surplus to be returned into the General Fund each month would steadily increase each month due to the death of veterans and widows.

RESOLUTIONS.

General J. L. Driver presented the report of the Resolutions Committee as follows:

(1) Be it resolved by the Georgia Division United Confederate Veterans, today assembled in convention at Tifton, Georgia, that we tender our sincere thanks and voice our appreciation to the Mayor and City of Tifton for the attention and courtesies shown the Veterans now in their fair city, and that we also thank the Daughters of the Confederacy, the Music Club, the Woman's Club and other organizations for their many acts of kindness and for courtesies shown us. We are delighted to include in our resolutions of thanks the County Commissioners, the American Legion, the civic clubs and the Boy Scouts for their unfailing help and close attention to our comfort and safety. Especially do we return most grateful thanks to the general committee of loyal and lovely women, of which Mrs. Joseph Kent, Sr., was chairman, for the very able and complete service that this committee rendered in entertainment, automobiles, badges, decorations, music, pages, flowers, and all those other reunion details which has made our visit to Tifton so delightful. Every event of our reunion was perfectly arranged and from the depths of grateful hearts we return most sincere thanks.

(2) Be it further resolved: That we convey to our beloved Commander, General A. J. Womack, our sincere regrets that he is unable to be present to preside at this Convention and to assure him of our continued love and high esteem, and to wish for him an early return to his usual good health. We also hear with regret of the illness of our esteemed friend and Daughter of the Confederacy, Mrs. A. O. Woodward, who for many years has been a factor in the success of our reunions. We wish to assure her of our continued love and esteem and to wish her an early return to her accustomed health and activities.

Upon the above resolution being read there was the announcement from the floor of the illness of General J. P. Hardy, General A. H. Winter, Mrs. Warren White and Mrs. Frank Golden.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to include them in the above resolutions and that a telegram of love and sympathy should be sent to each of them, which was done.

(3) Be it further resolved: That we accept the invitation of the Governor of Pennsylvania to be present at the Anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg on the 26th day of June, 1938, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Confederate Veterans be allowed to carry their flags in parade on that occasion.

(4) Be it further resolved: That we are deeply and lastingly grateful to the private homes in Tifton, which have been so generously and unselfishly thrown open for the comfort and entertainment of the Veterans and visitors during their stay here.

(5) To the press we desire to express our sincere thanks for liberally giving space through their columns endorsing and encouraging this glorious reunion.

(6) And last, but not least, we congratulate the City of Tifton for its beautiful women who so graciously adorn its streets and homes.

Respectfully submitted by your committee:

GENERAL J. L. DRIVER, Chairman

M. L. HARMSEN

L. J. HOOD

ROBERT LEE AVARY.

The resolution on Confederate pensions as offered by Dr. T. S. Clay having been adopted by the committee and included in their report, all of the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolution on Confederate pensions as offered by Dr. T. S. Clay. Unanimously adopted by the Reunion.

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To the Governor of Georgia:

Whereas much difficulty has been experienced of late in the handling and management of the pensions granted by this great State to the Veterans of the Confederacy and their widows as of marriage prior to 1881, and,

Whereas, further extension of this pension was granted by the last meeting of the General Assembly whereby the marriage date for Confederate widows was extended to 1920, which will require a further enabling act to provide these funds, and

Whereas, it has been proposed to place those who are eligible on the Federal Welfare Social Rolls, causing much dissatisfaction and unhappiness to all of the Confederate bodies, whose pension is an honorarium for past valued services rendered our State in the time of her need, and not a relief and charity:

Be it resolved, That we endorse the recent action of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in requesting that a separate department be maintained for the handling of all Confederate matters.

And be it further resolved, that as the present number of the Confederate Veterans and their widows of marriage date prior to 1881, the real widows of the Confederacy, is not excessive and their days with us are rapidly passing, soon to be seen no more,

Be it resolved that the status of these shall remain as heretofore, free and independent of any other measure, as a pension or honorarium maintained entirely from the resources of this State, and not amalgamated with or in any way dependent upon any Federal contingencies.

Be it further resolved that in the consideration of any enabling act, which we are informed will be necessary to provide for the payment of those widows

included in the extension act of marriage 1881 to 1920, this considering and enabling act shall include only for transfer to the Federal Welfare Rolls, those of this extension measure who may be eligible and shall not include Veterans or their widows of marriage prior to 1881, which latter class shall be continued as before, provided by the cigarette tax, and that these shall be included in the call for special meeting of the General Assembly.

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General Driver read the report of the Committee on Resolutions. By unanimous consent Dr. Clay's resolution was added to the committee's report.

Dr. Dancy offered from the floor a resolution in regard to the Manassas Battlefield Commission. This provoked considerable discussion and some acrimony. Dr. Dancy withdrew his resolution.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was unanimously adopted.

General J. R. Jones nominated General A. G. Harris of McDonough as Commander of the Georgia Division for the ensuing year. This was seconded by General Driver and General Harris was unanimously elected. By unanimous vote of the Veterans, Judge Augustin Daly was elected permanent Adjutant General, which he first declined and then accepted temporarily with appreciation.

Division commanders for the coming year were elected as follows:

West Georgia Brigade—Hiram Vanzant, Macon

East Georgia Brigade—J. L. Wheelless, Washington

North Georgia Brigade—M. Y. Griggs, Atlanta

South Georgia Brigade—C. C. McRae, Quitman

At this time lunch was served in the club dining room to those Veterans who were to leave on the early afternoon train. The others remained in the hall where a memorial service was held for the Veterans who had departed since the last reunion. Colonel R. L. Avary and Chaplain Hanks were in charge of this service. There are 236 living Veterans in the State as of October 1, 1937. Twenty two were present at the reunion.

Your committee on Necrology submits the following report:

According to the report of State Auditor Tom Wisdom there are 236 Confederate Veterans and 1395 Confederate widows on the pension rolls as of October 1, 1937.

Between October 1, 1936, and October 1, 1937, the following Confederate Veterans have died in Georgia:

ALEX. W. ALLEN

DR. ARCH AVARY

S. M. AYERS

J. H. BROOKS

A. O. BENNETT, SR.

JACOB BECKWORTH

H. F. BIRDSONG

R. F. BURCH, SR.

S. F. BAGWELL

E. D. BALDWIN

W. D. BUTTERWORTH

ISAAC CHANDLER

J. W. CARDER

J. F. COOPER

JAMES M. COLLINS

J. H. CANTRELL
J. D. CHILDS
S. G. CHILDS
W. McV. CAMERON
HENRY CRAWFORD
THOS. U. DOBBS
JOHN E. DYE
J. D. DOWLING
R. B. DAVIS
J. M. DANIEL
JOHN W. DYER
J. T. DUFFY
J. E. DICKENSON
HENRY EDGAR
Z. T. ESTEP
JOHN W. GREEN
J. J. GILES
J. FRANK HODGES
J. J. HINTON
H. I. HARVEY
B. J. HUGGINS
B. F. HILDEBRAND
THOS. J. HOWARD
M. K. HUDLOW
W. K. HAWK
J. C. HERRON
JAMES HULLENDER
W. B. HUIE
E. R. HAMILTON

P. H. HAM
G. W. HIGHTOWER
C. K. HENDERSON
L. L. HOWELL
H. C. JENNINGS
J. H. JACKSON
G. A. JOHNSON
G. W. KINARD
B. C. KENDRICK
T. R. KENDALL
L. E. LASTINGER
J. T. LASSITER
FRANK S. LOFTIN
N. B. LUMSDEN
L. E. LASSITER
TOM MUNDY
J. G. MORRIS
C. W. MATHEWS
H. B. MEADORS
S. J. MITCHELL
T. J. MARCHMAN
W. M. MASSEY
M. O. McMULLEN
J. G. McELROY
T. C. MCBRIDE
Z. T. MCKEE
JOHN W. MCGUFFEY
S. C. MCBRIDE
J. B. NICHOLSON

J. A. OWENS
D. J. PITTMAN
J. PARKER
JAMES W. PINKNEY
C. C. POPE
LEE POPE
JAMES K. POLK
J. C. QUINN
SAMUEL REGISTER
JOHN M. RICHARDSON
J. E. REID
B. W. ROBERTS
E. W. REEVES
T. W. RIGSBY
JOSIAH M. REESE
R. VAN SMITH
G. A. SEYMOUR
JESSE TAYLOR
J. G. TOLLESON
J. BEN THORNTON
J. W. TAYLOR
J. E. TRAVIS
N. W. TATE
GEO. W. WILLIAMSON
JOHN A. WILLIFORD
EDWARD WADSWORTH
JOHN W. WILLINGHAM
T. M. WOOD
N. D. WITCHER

Respectfully submitted
GENERAL C. C. McRAE, Chairman
MRS. CHAS T. TILLMAN
A. S. PERRY
Committee on Necrology

The following veterans were present at the reunion:

WM. J. BUSH
THEO BARR
J. G. BRASWELL
W. H. CULPEPPER
J. C. DODGEN
GEN. J. L. DRIVER
A. W. DORN
F. S. DREWRY
TUCK EDMUNDSON

GEN. M. Y. GRIGGS
GEN. A. G. HARRIS
GEN. J. R. JONES
H. J. KIGHT
MAJOR-B. P. LEACH
GEN. C. C. McRAE
J. C. MULLINIX
GEN. J. M. NASH
A. B. RAMSEY

GEN. H. G. VANZANT
GEN. J. L. WHEELLESS

G. W. WALDROP
B. F. WILLIAMS

After a musical selection by Mrs. B. L. Southwell the benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. S. Ulm, Chaplain, Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The Forty-Fourth annual reunion of the Georgia Division United Confederate Veterans was ended, and the gallant twenty-two Veterans turned their faces homeward. As long as one of these old heroes shall remain, let us in knightly reverence, place a strong and loving arm about him as he totters onward in his last long march, ere he goes hence to join the Grand Reunion of the Gray in the City not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

"Their foes had found enchanted ground
But not a Knight asleep."

After adjournment a delightful luncheon was served to the Veterans and their friends in the Woman's Club House by the men's civic clubs of Tifton.

A. S. PERRY
Secretary.

Macon, Georgia.
July 22, 1937.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3.

By virtue of the authority of my office as Commander Georgia Division United Confederate Veterans, General C. C. McRae of Quitman is hereby appointed Commander of South Georgia Brigade with rank of Brigadier General, succeeding Brigadier General John Calhoun Herron, deceased, and will be respected and obeyed as such.

A. J. WOMACK
Major General,
Commanding Georgia Division U. C. V.

AUGUSTIN DALY
Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

ADDENDA.

The Honorable Alexander Stevens Perry, S. C. V. Historian General, GEORGIA DIVISION, U. C. V. graciously acted as secretary at the sessions of the reunion at Tifton, Georgia, October 13, 14 and 15, 1937, and took and prepared the minutes thereof in a splendid manner, which will appear from reading them.

The reunion on its second day had a real pleasure and rare treat, in listening to an address by Colonel Perry, Historian General of the Division, being introduced by Doctor T. S. Clay, S. C. V. Doctor Clay properly praised Colonel Perry for his unswerving loyalty, uniform kindness and indefatigable efforts at all times, on behalf of the Confederate Veterans.

The address of Colonel Perry, breathed the true spirit of the glories of the Old South and Southern ideals, and his beautiful tribute to the Confederate Soldier was a literary gem of wonderful felicity of diction and graceful eloquence, which elicited the admiration of everyone.

I feel constrained to make this reference to Colonel Perry, as his innate modesty precluded his saying anything in the minutes about his speech, except that he made one. He was by unanimous action thanked for taking and preparing the minutes and for the eloquent address he delivered.

AUGUSTIN DALY, S. C. V.
Adjutant General & Chief of Staff
United Confederate Veterans.

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION OF THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS HELD IN THE WOMAN'S CLUB AT TIFTON, GA., FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 15, 1937, CONVENING AT 2:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Commander Oswell R. Eve, Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Invocation by Rev. A. S. Ulm, Chaplain, Georgia Division, S. C. V.

The order calling Convention was read by the Adjutant and is attached marked Exhibit "A."

Cordial greetings were extended by Mrs. E. U. Holder, President, Charlotte Carson Chapter, U. D. C., and Honorable S. A. Youmans, City Manager of Tifton.

The response to greetings was made by Past Commander-in-chief, S. C. V., Dr. Wm. R. Dancy, Surgeon, Georgia Division, S. C. V., in his inimitable and pleasing manner.

One of the most attractive and interesting features of the Convention was the presentation by the Commander of the Sponsors in attendance, as follows: Mrs. Wm. R. Dancy, Sponsor on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, S. C. V., Mrs. Oscar McKenzie, Matron of Honor, Mrs. Harry Craig, Chaperon and Mrs. Charles T. Tillman, Sponsor, on the Staff of the Commander. Mrs. James N. Robinson, Matron of Honor and Mrs. Gordon W. Chambers, Chaperon, on the Staff of the Commander of the 5th Brigade. Mrs. O. B. Burroughs, Jr., Matron of Honor and Miss Marion Dearing Schley, Maid of Honor, on the Staff of the George Washington Rains Camp, Augusta, Ga.

A most interesting and instructive address was made by Honorable McWhorter Milner, Commander, Army-Tennessee Dept., S. C. V., on "Citizenship inherited by the Sons and Daughters of the South from their Confederate Ancestors," which reflected a great deal of research and thought. The Commander of the Georgia Division expressed the hope that this address would be put in proper form for distribution to the citizens of Georgia.

A Credential Committee composed of Mr. James Gardner, Commander, 5th Brigade and Commander George Washington Rains Camp, Augusta, and Rev. A. S. Ulm, Chaplain, was appointed by the Commander, who reported that there were 19 sons present and 5 camps represented.

The Commander appointed a Resolution Committee including Dr. Wm. R. Dancy, Surgeon, Ga., Division, and Mr. Chas. W. West, Commander, John B. Gordon Camp, Atlanta.

Commander Eve made a very interesting but short address in which he requested that a Committee of five be appointed to assist him in perfecting the organization and carrying on the work.

The following resolutions were presented, motion made to adopt, were seconded and adopted:

MANASSAS BATTLEFIELD

Whereas, the general organization at its convention in Shreveport, La., authorized the transfer of its Manassas Battlefield property to the U. S. Parks Commission, by a deed with conditions subject to the approval of the Manassas Foundation and the executive board of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

And whereas, the first deed, with conditions properly approved by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, was declined by the federal park commission, and whereas a second deed has been presented, subject to the approval of the Manassas Foundation and the executive committee.

Whereas, it is understood this second deed transfers the property to the government in fee simple, that is with the entire surrender of all interest of the Sons of Confederate Veterans without condition.

Whereas, such an approval of transfer by the S. C. V., surrenders one of the greatest incentives of our organization, places our property in the hands of the government for marking, for which we cannot expect full representation for Confederate soldiers' deeds of heroism and a correct story of the battle from our viewpoint and is contrary to the general sentiment expressed throughout all Confederate organizations.

Whereas, funds were contributed to its purchase with the distinct understanding that it would always remain the property of Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Whereas, the Sons of Confederate Veterans are evenly divided as to the advisability of the transfer and such a transfer would more deeply dull the interest in our organization than to leave the matter as it is.

Whereas, the Sons of Confederate Veterans would receive less criticism by declining to support the transfer and would by so declining place the responsibility of transfer, if it occurs, entirely on the board of trustees.

Be it resolved, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans express their unqualified disapproval of the said transfer and urge the Commander-in-Chief and executive council to give the matter their earnest consideration and disapprove such an act.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Whereas, the burden of work is great for the Commander of the Georgia Division, S. C. V., and is often too extensive for him to carry on alone:

Be it resolved that he be authorized to appoint a committee, known as an executive committee, to advise with him and aid him with his work.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Your resolution committee desires that the Georgia Division S. C. V., express their warm appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to it and to the U. C. V. these past few days.

Particularly do we appreciate those who planned our meeting, many of whom have taken the central parts of domestic duties, acting as guide, and in numerous ways have shown such sweet cordiality to every one of us. We do indeed especially wish to recognize the self-sacrificing spirit and generosity of the U. D. C., the American Legion, the Men's and Women's Clubs, the City Government, the Boys Scouts, the D. A. R., the Fitzgerald U. D. C., and Legion, the Press and any others whom we may not have mentioned.

WM. R. DANCY AND CHAS. W. WEST,
Committee on Resolutions.

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The following Resolution of the Atlanta Ladies Memorial Association was presented by Honorable McWhorter Milner, seconded by Mr. James Gardner, and adopted:

"Whereas the grant of pensions to Confederate Veterans and their widows by the State of Georgia and other Southern States, has been on the principle of obligation for services rendered, and for exposure of life, health, and property in behalf of a cause for which they fought, and

Whereas such pensions have never been granted as alms or charity, and such pensions have been regarded as badges of honor and as evidences of appreciation of the valor and sacrifice of the soldiers of the South, and

Whereas it is now undertaken to put Southern soldiers and their widows in the class of those who are receiving donations of a charitable character, and

Whereas the pensions for Confederate veterans and their widows have been managed heretofore by those who were in sympathy with the sentiments of the South, and

Whereas it is now attempted to place in charge of the distribution of these pensions officials from distant states, whose feelings are not in accord with those of the people of the South;

Therefore be it resolved by The Atlanta Ladies Memorial Association that we request the State Authorities to conduct the Administration of the Pension Department in the manner and spirit heretofore recognized as appropriate in dealing with the Southern Pensioners of the War Between the States, and that no direction shall be given that will humiliate these worthy recipients of the pensions by placing them in an indigent class.

And be it further resolved that we endorse the resolutions adopted at a joint meeting of the Confederate Veterans, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of Confederate Veterans, The Atlanta Ladies Memorial Association held Tuesday, September 21, 1937 at the Atlanta Chapter House, U. D. C."

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Honorable Charles T. Tillman of Quitman, Ga., nominated Judge Oswell R. Eve for reelection as Commander. This motion was seconded by Dr. Dancy who moved that nominations be closed, which carried and Commander Eve was re-elected unanimously.

The Convention requested Commander Eve to make the appointment of all subordinate officers at his leisure.

There being no further business the Convention on motion duly seconded, adjourned to meet again at a place and time to be selected.

O. B. BURROUGHS, JR.
Adjutant.

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EXHIBIT "A"

HEADQUARTERS GEORGIA DIVISION SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

GENERAL ORDERS No. 7.

September 1, 1937.

ANNUAL DIVISION CONVENTION ORDERED

1. The Camps and Brigades of the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, are hereby officially notified that the Annual Convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held at Tifton, Georgia, October 13, 14 and 15, 1937, when the United Confederate Veterans hold their Forty-fourth Annual Reunion.

2. Camps are requested to elect delegates to the Convention immediately. A Camp is entitled to one delegate and one alternate for each ten members, and one delegate and one alternate for each additional ten members or major fraction thereof; provided that no Camp be entitled to less than two delegates. Delegates will register at Division Headquarters upon their arrival at Tifton.

3. Brigade and Camp Commanders are requested to appoint their "Official Ladies" (Matron, Chaperon, Sponsor and three Maids of Honor) immediately in order that they will have time to make their arrangements for the Convention. All "Official Ladies" are requested to register at Headquarters of the Georgia Division Sons Confederate Veterans, as soon as possible upon their arrival at Tifton.

4. It is the earnest desire of your Commander that this Convention be the most successful in the history of the Organization. Matters of great importance will come before the meeting, and all Sons are urged to be present and take part in the business which will come before the Convention. All Camps should elect delegates at once.

5. The Camp and Brigade Commanders are expected to cooperate with Headquarters in giving publicity to this order, and all Camp Commanders are urged to have same read at a meeting of their Camps.

6. All parties concerned will acknowledge this order.

By order of

OSWELL R. EVE
Commander, Georgia Division.

Official:

O. B. BURROUGHS, JR.
Adjutant and Chief of Staff.